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CORE

Commitment to Our Recreational Environment

April 3, 2009

Mr. Sixto Fernandez **Re: Stanislaus National Forest Grant Applications**
CA Department of Parks and Recreation
OHMVR Division
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 04296-0001

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

CORE, established in 1998, is a hundred-member, community-based group with the mission to influence responsible management of off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation on public lands. We appreciate this opportunity to provide comment regarding the Stanislaus National Forest's applications for OHMVR Grants.

With the current status of a recently issued Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Stanislaus Motorized Travel Management, it is somewhat difficult to determine the potential effectiveness of specific grant funding for this forest. We are hoping that the eventual outcome of this designation process will result in a system for OHV use that can be successfully managed, maintained, and enforced. In support of this outcome and recognizing the limitations in federal funding, we strongly support the Stanislaus' requests for Restoration projects, and applaud their perseverance in seeking funding to make these repairs necessitated by OHV damage and to provide mitigation that protects against future damage to these areas.

In the same spirit of fostering responsible OHV management that protects the forest environment and respects quiet recreation, we also support the Stanislaus' request for Enforcement funding at this time.

Sincerely yours,



Judith Spencer, President